



## Lexington Police to Get \$3.9 Million Grant to Hire 25 New Officers

Mayor Jim Gray announced that Lexington received a \$3.9 million federal grant to pay for hiring 25 new police officers, which would boost the department's strength to 550 officers.

The grant, which covers training and salaries for three years, is awarded by the Community Oriented Policing Services program.

"This grant will make an important difference here," Gray said. "It will make our community safer and it will allow us to make our excellent police force even better."

## Kentucky State Police Announce Employee Of The Year

Crestwood, Ky.- resident Bruce Olin was named 2011 KSP Civilian Employee of the Year. A 33-year veteran of the agency, Olin is a program coordinator with the Public Affairs Branch at KSP headquarters.

Olin spent 27 years with the agency as a state trooper, retiring in 2005 from the Electronic Crimes Branch. He returned in 2008 as a civilian employee and now serves as state coordinator for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program. During the past year, Olin was notified that funding for the DARE program would be terminated. In response, he developed a contingency plan to keep the program in operation while new funding could be secured.



## ENHANCING COMMUNICATION

### Ten CSEPP Counties Receive \$4.6 Million in Federal Funding to Improve Emergency Operations



Kentucky's Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program received \$4.6 million in funding to improve emergency communication tools and operations in 10 central-Kentucky counties.

The two grants will enhance radio communication and support emergency operation centers in these counties.

In one project, Kentucky received a \$2.1 million grant to bring its CSEPP counties into compliance with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Department of Defense. The agencies require that all federally-funded communications systems meet federal requirements, which enable public safety responders to better communicate with each other.

The second grant, funded at \$2.5 million, will pay for all or portions of county emergency operation center projects identified by the commonwealth in cooperation with Federal Emergency Management Agency. The funding will support creating or improving centers in the 10 CSEPP counties.

For more information on CSEPP, visit [www.csepp.ky.gov](http://www.csepp.ky.gov) or scan the above QR code.

### Law Enforcement Agencies, Highway Safety Organizations Receive Federal Funding

More than \$2.9 million was awarded to 109 law enforcement agencies for overtime enforcement and equipment through federal grant funding. More than \$1.8 million also was awarded to 15 organizations involved with highway safety for various educational programs, equipment and training.

The Kentucky Office of Highway Safety awarded more than \$4.7 million to law enforcement agencies and highway safety organizations across the commonwealth to help bolster safety enforcement and education in local communities. The federally-funded grants from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration are administered by KOHS.